



TAWA COLLEGE

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome back to Term 4 of 2011. It is a rather unique term in that it is only seven weeks long and senior students have only two full weeks before they leave to prepare for external examinations. It has been great to observe the willingness of many students taking advantage of extension and revision classes. It is very important that senior students keep checking their NCEA results to ensure that they are meeting targets whether it is for an Excellence Endorsement at Level 2 or Literacy for University Entrance. I also want to acknowledge the teaching staff for their willingness to provide revision classes or catch-up sessions outside of normal class times.

At the end of the last term we held a most successful Sports Prizegiving. The Sportsman of the year was Ryan McAlister and the Sportswoman of the year was Catherine Bott. Ryan had an excellent year in Cross Country and was selected for the NZ Secondary School team that competed in Australia. Catherine is an outstanding Soccer player and represented New Zealand at Under 17 level beating Australia in two tests and drawing the other. They were just two of many high achievers in Sport that were presented with awards at the Prizegiving.

At the end of the Term 3 Tawa College received a visit from past pupil, Jeremy Kyne. Jeremy played for Canada in the Rugby World Cup and students enjoyed quizzing him about aspects of the Rugby World Cup from a player's perspective.

At the beginning of this term we held the Cultural Prizegiving as well as the Senior Academic Prizegiving. The fact that we have separate prizegivings acknowledges our desire to recognise achievement in all

aspects of school life. I continue to be grateful for the incredible support the school receives from teachers, parents, past students and others to enable our extensive co-curricular activities to continue.

Recently our Head Students Tony Zhou, Elyjana Roach, Preston Lyons and Claire Middleton received ASB Community Service awards which acknowledged their service both to the Tawa College community and beyond. A number of our school leavers have obtained lucrative University or Tertiary Scholarships which is very pleasing.

Murray Lucas
PRINCIPAL

NCEA EXAMS

It is very important that students know when their exam sessions are. If a student makes a mistake with their timetable, there is no other opportunity to sit that exam. It is recommended that a student has a family member or friend who can remind them that they have an exam the next morning or afternoon.

Students must bring their exam admission slip to each exam session. If they forget on the day they can obtain a copy from the school office.

In the case of a serious unexpected event when students are prevented from attending an exam session, for example an accident or serious illness, they can apply for a Derived Grade. In this instance, please contact Ms West on 232 8184 x 838.

LEARNING SUPPORT THANK YOU

Rachael and Gail would like to say a big thank you to all our volunteer reader/writers who have helped with our students this year. Your assistance is invaluable to our students learning requirements. We sincerely hope to see you back next year.

UNIFORM

Shoes

The following is provided by way of clarification in regard to uniform shoes:

Shoes should be plain, flat, black, polishable, with laces, below ankle, leather or leather-look shoes. Boys may wear slip-ons which don't have laces if they meet the other criteria stated. This is a Health and Safety issue.

Second hand Uniform

We are making a plea for donations of any old Tawa College school uniform items (in good condition), that we can use for emergency situations when students need a replacement item for the day. If you have anything at home that you no longer need, please deliver it to the school office at your earliest convenience. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

NZ Secondary Schools Brass Band

Congratulations to **Nick Garrett** (Y12) and **Matthew Hurnen** (Y9) who have both been selected for the 2011 National Secondary Schools Brass Band. During the recent school holidays they attended a four day intensive tuition session in Nelson and were involved in numerous public performances.

2011 NZ Economics Competition

Congratulations to Callum McPetrie who was placed 4th in New Zealand in the above competition. He was awarded a High Distinction. The following students also took part and received the following awards:

Alice Dunn	High Distinction
Nic Catto	Distinction
Ross Engelbrecht	Distinction
Calum Mackay	Distinction

National Science & Technology Fair

Congratulations to **Adrina Venayagam** of Year 9 who has been selected for *Realise the Dream*, the National Science and Technology fair. This event will take place from 3rd to 10th December 2011.

Australian Chemistry Quiz Results

Fifteen Tawa College students took part in this Australasian competition. Two Year 13 students, TJ Ariu and Tony Zhou, and two Year 12 students, Jie Hong Fan and Reece Wells gained High Distinction grades placing them in the top 10% of students. Reece also gained an Award of Excellence for being in the top 1% of students nationally. Jonathon Moore, Melanie Wei and Natasha Wong all in Year 12 also did very well receiving Distinction Certificates. Congratulations to all of them.

ICAS English Competition

Congratulations to **Sarah Parkinson** who achieved the top mark in New Zealand for Year 10 students in the ICAS Writing Competition. Congratulations also to Year 10 student **Michael Kalpage** who achieved a High Distinction.

TAWA COLLEGE SPORTS RESULTS

College Sport Wellington

Sports Person of the Year Awards

The awards ceremony was held at the Amora House on Sunday 6 November 2011. The following students were finalists in their specialist sport:

CJ Bott	Football
Rebecca Burns	Cricket
George Daly	Rowing
Alyse Derby	Badminton
Nick Gillum	Swimming
Pratt Keerasuntonpong	Tennis
Shaun MacDonald	Rowing
Ryan McAlister	Cross Country
Martin McCrudden	Mountain Biking
Jordan Mellars	Wrestling
Chris Murphy (parent)	Volunteer

CJ Bott, **Alyse Derby** and **Jordan Mellars** all won their divisions. CJ Bott was one of six finalists for the overall female Sports person of the Year award.

Martial Arts

Kurt Jago graded in the Martial Arts form Zen Do Kai on Saturday 29 October 2011. He is now a 2nd Degree Black Belt (Senior). He also won the gold medal for his division.

Cheerleading

Tawa College Cheerleaders competed in the Total Cheer 'Dance and Cheer Internationals Competition' recently in Auckland. They competed in the High School Division and gained 1st place with their polished routine. The team of 24 students is captained by Courtenay Jamieson (Year 13) and managed by Michele Turfrey and Laura Boyd. Congratulations to all team members:

Sharelle Buchan
Victoria Chea
Rachel Coates
Lee-Anne Docherty
Michelle Goh
Sophie Hall
Laura Hook
Tina Lawn
Hannah Ogilvie
Sarah Ross
Megane Sole
Ella Sturman

Elise Butterworth
Samantha Clark
Joanne Denton
Kayla Fisher
Gemma Hall
Lynnaire Highgate
Courtenay Jamieson
Brooke Mar
Emma Peake
Kelly Sarginson
Ariana Solomon
Maew Thipchai



Tawa College 2011 Cheerleading Squad – National Champions

TAWA COLLEGE SPORTS DEPARTMENT

Coaches Required for 2012

We are calling for parents or adults from the community who may be interested in the following positions for the 2012 sporting season:

Coaches:

1st XI Girls Football
1st XI Boys Cricket
Basketball for any level boys/girls

Convenors:

The Netball positions carry an Honorarium
Year 9 & 10 Netball; Senior Netball
Basketball convenor

Closing Date: Friday 18 November 2011

Please contact the Sports Department if you are interested:

sport@tawacollege.school.nz

Sports Director: Maxine Gordon 0274403315
HOD Sport & PE: Ross Redpath 0274402185

FRENCH TRIP 2012 FUNDRAISING EVENT

Carwash

The students who are travelling to Noumea in 2012 are organizing a carwash at MASTERTRADE on Saturday 12 November 2011 from 10am to 2pm. Please come and support our school trip and get your car cleaned for only \$7.00.



LIBRARY

As senior students have now gone on study leave, I would appreciate it if they could return their library loans as soon as possible. If they need to keep them for revision, they should call in to the library to arrange for a special renewal. I would appreciate parents encouraging their sons and daughters to deal with this as soon as possible. I will be sending emails/letters to the parents of any students with outstanding items around the beginning of Week 4.

After this, it will be the turn of junior students to return their loans. All items must be returned or paid for by the last day of term, Friday 9 December 2011. So that you have some idea of the task ahead of me, there are currently 2,326 items on loan, of which 1,623 are already overdue. Many thanks for your assistance in this.

Mrs Hammond
Library Manager

MATHS DEPARTMENT

The staff of the Mathematics Department would like to thank all the parents who responded to our survey. The winners of the dinner voucher were the parents of Liam Kennedy in Year 12.

HOMESTAYS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Tawa College is seeking applications of interest from families located in Tawa to provide homestay accommodation for International Students. At present we have students from a number of European and Asian countries who attend the College for periods from eight weeks to one year. The family will be required to provide a safe and secure environment for the student and incorporate the student into their family routines.

For further information please contact Cecily Harvey, Dean of International Students for more information and to obtain a homestay application form.

Email: charvey@tawacollege.school.nz.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Situations Vacant At Tawa College Community Education For 2012

Tawa College Community Education is planning the programme for 2012 and is looking for new courses and tutors.

During the year students have requested a number of courses which include Cooking courses in Italian, Thai, Moroccan, French, Cheese Making, Bread Making and Baking; Languages such as French, Italian and Maori; Music including Drums and Singing for non singers, and DIY and Embroidery.

Any other suggestions where Community Education can encourage and promote "life long learning" in the Community are always welcome.

If you have skills in any of these areas (or in any other area) that you would like to share with the community and teach at night or in the weekend please contact the Coordinator, Judith Havill email comed@tawacollege.school.nz or phone 232 7163.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Message from Regional Public Health

There have been over 240 cases of measles in Auckland since May this year, and we are starting to see cases in the greater Wellington area. To date there have been five confirmed cases in central Wellington.

We have been requested to ask staff and parents/caregivers to make sure that their and their children's immunisations are up to date. The best way to protect people from measles is to have had two doses of measles vaccine. They can find out more by asking their parents or doctor.

Any student or teacher with measles must stay away from school for up to seven days from the appearance of the rash and until recovery. Unimmunised students, or those with no immunity to measles, who have been in close contact with a measles case during the infectious stages may also need to stay away from school for 14 days from their last contact. This requirement is under the Health (Infectious and Notifiable Diseases) Regulations 1966 (Regulation 14). These exclusions also apply to students taking part in sporting events. Please note the timeframes will depend on advice from the medical officer of health.

Useful links:

- Regional Public health website www.rph.org.nz
- Ministry of Health website www.moh.govt.nz
- Immunisation Advisory Centre website www.immune.org.nz

Cystic Fibrosis Christmas Tree Festival



Monday 28 November – Sunday 4 December

Monday from 1pm, Other days 10am – 6pm

Michael Fowler Centre foyer

Wellington businesses show their Christmas spirit and support Cystic Fibrosis Wellington

**Come and vote for your favourite tree
Remember a loved one; put a star on the
Tree of Remembrance
Koha**

Research Participants Required

My name is Cecilia Small and I am Clinical Psychology Doctorate student at the University of South Africa (UNISA). I emigrated from South Africa to NZ six years ago. I am looking for South African immigrant families in the Wellington region, representative of the Rainbow Nation, who have been living in NZ for at least five years, and who would be willing to share their unique immigration stories. The purpose of this study is to increase the understanding of South African immigrants in NZ as a distinct migrant group, to explore the various factors that had an impact on their migration and adaptation in NZ, and to increase awareness of their settlement needs.

Families who are interested are welcome to contact me at:

Phone: 918 2268 (work)
235 5035 (home)
021 02262 733 (mobile)

Email: cecilia.small@gmail.com

2011 PAUATAHANUI CAR BOOT SALE

When: 19th November 2011
Where: Battle Hill Forest Farm Park
Costs: Stalls (\$45) Carboots (\$28)
Register now: carboot2011@gmail.com or
Phone: 04 234 6466

SPACES ARE LIMITED

BOND+BOND

Bond and Bond Porirua, North City Mega Centre are offering a special "Mates Rates" deal on the weekend of Friday 18th November to Sunday 20th November to the staff, friends and family of Tawa College.

They will provide a rebate of 2.5% of the purchase price of your item back to the college. Special conditions apply. Please refer to the Bond+Bond website www.bondandbond.co.nz

COMING EVENTS

NOV

Wed 16 CSW Junior Touch Tournament
Thu 17 CSW Junior Bowls Tournament
Fri 18 Year 9 (2012) Entrance Testing
Mon 21 Teacher Only Day
Fri 25 Summer Central 6 Tournament at Kapiti College
Sat 26 Year 10 EOTC begins – first Marlborough Sounds trip
Mon 28 Year 9 Guitar Hero begins
(no school for Year 10 students)
Tue 29 Year 9 Careers Forum

DEC

Thu 1 Year 9 (2012) Orientation
Mon 5 Senior Students Book Clearance
Year 10 Careers Day
Tue 6 Leavers' Dinner 6pm
Thu 8 Year 9 Deans Assembly Pd 2
Year 10 Deans Assembly Pd 4
Fri 9 Junior Prizegiving Pd 2
Last day of Term – Early closure